

1731
#4
131

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bird, et al

Serial No: 10/017,767

Filed: 12/13/01

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTINUOUSLY MANUFACTURING
OPTICAL PREFORM AND FIBER

Examiner: J. Hoffmann

Group Art Unit: 1731

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 – 1.98Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

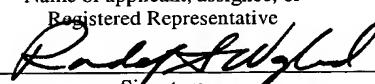
The Examiner's attention is hereby directed to the following reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. One copy of the reference(s) is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the enclosed documents constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the submitted documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant(s) reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant(s) further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the enclosed references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall S. Wayland
Registration No. 36,303
Corning Incorporated
SP-TI-03-1
Corning, NY 14831
«Phone» (607) 974-0463
Date: 12/16/02

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on <u>12-16-02</u>	
Date of Deposit	
_____ Randall S. Wayland Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative	
 _____ Signature	
_____ 12-16-02 Date of Signature	

12.30.02

RECEIVED
DEC 26 2002
TC 1700

LIST OF PATENTS AND
PUBLICATIONS
FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

DEC 23 2002
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
JCT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.

SP00-363

SERIAL NO.

10/017,767

APPLICANT Bird, et al.

FILING DATE 12/13/01

GROUP: 1731

REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date if Approp.
AA		4,155,733	5/22/79	Sandbank et al.	65	3	5/25/77
AB		4,286,978	9/1/81	Bailey et al.	65	3	7/3/80
AC							
AD							
AE							
AF							
AG							
AH							
AI							
AJ							
AK							

RECEIVED
DEC 26 2002
TC 1700

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation Yes	Translation No
AL								
AM								
AN								
AO								
AP								
AQ								

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

AR	
AS	
AT	
AU	
AV	
AW	

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609: draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.